



Department of Justice

Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt
Middle District of Florida

Tampa

Orlando

Jacksonville

Fort Myers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/flm/pr>

CONTACT: STEVE COLE

PHONE: (813) 274-6136

FAX: (813) 274-6300

BREVARD COUNTY RESIDENT SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS FOR FRAUD

Orlando, Florida - United States District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced ANTONIO GIULIANO, a 43 year old resident of Palm Bay, Florida, to nine years' imprisonment. GIULIANO is also required to make restitution of over \$300,000. GIULIANO had previously pled guilty to one count of mail fraud and one count of theft of government property.

According to court documents, GIULIANO prepared tax returns for three individuals for the calendar year 2004. GIULIANO advised one victim that her tax refund would be deposited into her bank account. When the victim did not receive her tax refund after a few months, she began asking GIULIANO about the status of her tax refund. GIULIANO continuously provided the victim with different false stories about the IRS not issuing her tax refund when in fact he knew he had already received the victim's tax refund in the amount of \$4,079 and had used the money for his personal expenses.

GIULIANO, instead of providing a second victim with an accurate copy of the victim's tax return showing a refund of \$991, provided the victim with a tax return that showed that the victim owed \$69. GIULIANO had the tax refund deposited into his own bank account, never gave the tax refund to the victim, and used the money for his personal expenses.

Relating to a third victim, GIULIANO, instead of providing the victim with an accurate copy of the victim's tax return showing a refund of \$5,500, provided the victim with a tax return that showed that the victim owed \$1,182. GIULIANO had the tax refund deposited into his own bank account, never gave the tax refund to the victim, and used the money for his personal expenses.

During 2005 and 2006, GIULIANO advised one victim that she was being audited by the IRS and that he was representing her before the IRS. GIULIANO also advised the victim that he was meeting with auditors and providing the IRS with the necessary documentation. GIULIANO told the victim on three separate occasions that the victim needed to make a payment to the IRS to keep interest and penalties from accruing and that the victim was to mail him the checks which he was supposed to forward to the IRS. The victim mailed to GIULIANO three separate checks in the following amounts: \$1,233, \$1,974, and \$1,050, respectively, to be forwarded to the IRS. In fact, the victim was not being audited by the IRS and did not owe any money to the IRS. GIULIANO did not forward this money to the IRS and kept the money for himself.

GIULIANO also defrauded eighteen victims by claiming at various times that:

- a) he was an ex-broker of stocks and securities, b) had an investment club, and/or
- c) was an excellent money manager. While GIULIANO did have an investment club at one time, he dissolved the club in 2000 but continued to solicit money from the victims for investment purposes. The eighteen victims invested a total of approximately \$316,000 with GIULIANO, but GIULIANO never invested the money for the victims; rather, he used the money for his own personal living expenses.

The case was investigated by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney I. Randall Gold.